

# THE INAUGURAL EVENTS

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT  
OF COLUMBIA

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED.

*The 2nd Anniversary of*  
HOME RULE —  
*"Our New Beginning"*

JANUARY 2-3, 1977





*The District of Columbia  
Inaugural Committee*

*requests the honor of your presence*

*at the inauguration*

*of the*

*re-elected and newly elected*

*Members*

*of the City Council*

*on January third*

*One thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven*

*in Washington, District of Columbia*





"Home Rule for the District of Columbia was not easily achieved. Many people, black and white, fought hard to make it a reality. Now we must all work together to make it a success. As President of the United States, and as a new resident in the District of Columbia, I intend to do my part to make this a better, stronger, and safer community for all its citizens, and I look forward to cooperating with the D.C. City Council in that effort."





Delegate Walter E. Fauntroy  
*District of Columbia*

I am delighted to have this opportunity to commend and congratulate those members of our City Council who have been re-elected to another term of service. My congratulations also go to the newest member of the Council, Attorney Wilhelmina Rolark.

I am optimistic for the future of the District of Columbia. With the new Carter Administration, we will have at the White House and in positions of leadership in the Federal Government people more responsive and sensitive to our interests and needs in the Nation's Capital.

To the City Council, I renew my pledge, as your elected representative in Congress, to work and cooperate with you fully in support of your efforts to solve the problems of this city. Let us all re-dedicate ourselves to achieve full and complete government for the District of Columbia.



Walter E. Washington  
*Mayor*  
District of Columbia

"Fellow Citizens: For the first time in more than 100 years, citizens of this community have selected city officials to help guide their destiny. We stand on the threshold of a great, new era, and we must take full advantage of the opportunities self-government offers us.

It is up to each of us individually and collectively to move this City toward the day when the needs of all our people will be met. This task will be accomplished when we develop a unity of purpose and cooperatively use our energies to achieve this common goal. I have faith that you the people of this great city will do this and I believe we can and will accomplish great things together.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have served you as the City's Chief Executive during the last seven years. A great source of strength to me during this time was the strong support given by our citizens during our times of need.

I ask all of you to continue to provide that support to the new administration which today assumes responsibility for creating a stronger city government.

A glorious future can be ours if we are together. The times ahead demand it. It will test the courage, integrity and wisdom of all of us. Therefore, let us now resolve to move forward in unison and with faith in our ability to make our city the greatest in the world."



# WELCOME!

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

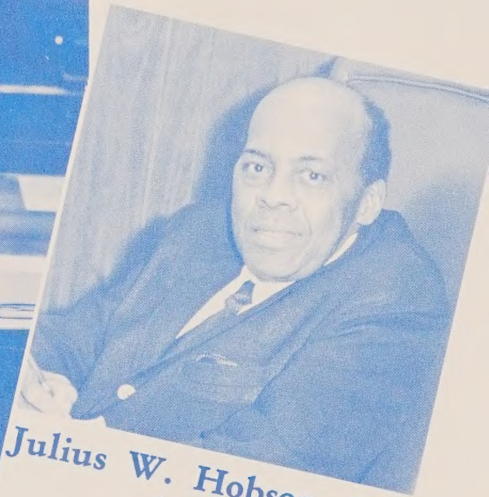
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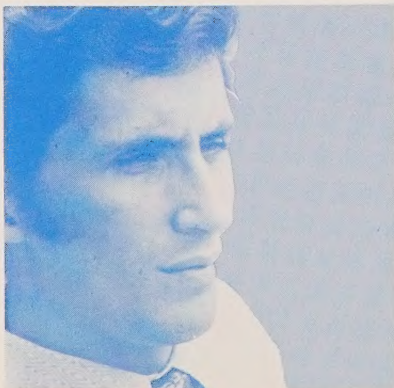
**Douglas E. Moore**  
*At-Large*



**Sterling Tucker**  
*Chairman*  
City Council



**Julius W. Hobson, Sr.**  
*At-Large*



**David A. Clarke**  
*Ward 1*



**Polly Shackleton**  
*Ward 3*



**William R. Spaulding**  
*Ward 5*



**Nadine P. Winter**  
*Ward 6*



## THE INAUGURAL EVENTS

January 3, 1977

9:00 A.M.                      Honorable Sterling Tucker, Presiding                      The Mayflower Hotel

### INAUGURAL BREAKFAST

Prelude	Mrs. Mary Lacey Moore, Organist Nineteenth Street Baptist Church
Invocation	Reverend Leamon W. White President, Baptist Convention, District of Columbia & Vicinity
Musical Selection	Woodson High School Male Chorus
Remarks:	Robert Washington, Chairman, The Democratic State Committee Paul Hayes, Chairman, The Republican State Committee Honorable Walter E. Fauntroy District of Columbia Delegate to Congress U. S. House of Representatives Honorable Walter E. Washington Mayor, The District of Columbia
Introduction of Council Members	Chairman Sterling Tucker
Musical Selection	Woodson High School Male Chorus
Benediction	Reverend Ernest R. Gibson, Director Council of Churches of Greater Washington

12:00 Noon                      The District Building

### SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Honorable Sterling Tucker, Presiding

Musical Selection	Shaw Junior High School Band
Invocation	Bishop Smallwood Williams
Remarks:	Dr. Shari Kharasch, Chairperson, D. C. Board of Elections and Ethics

### OATH OF OFFICE

Re-Elected and Newly Elected Council Members — Oath of Office Administered by

Marion Barry	Reverend Robert L. Pruitt, Minister, Metropolitan A.M.E. Church
Jerry A. Moore, Jr.	Judge Theodore Newman, Jr. Superior Court of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson	Judge H. Carl Moultrie, Superior Court of the District of Columbia
Arrington Dixon	Judge Theodore Newman, Jr. Superior Court of the District of Columbia
Willie J. Hardy	Judge H. Carl Moultrie, Superior Court of the District of Columbia
Wilhelmina Rolark	Judge Norma H. Johnson, Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Benediction	Reverend Andrew J. Allen
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### RECEPTION

(Immediately following the Swearing-In Ceremony)  
Fifth Floor, The District Building

2:00 P.M.	Council of the District of Columbia Legislative Session	Council Chamber
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The Council of the District of Columbia is the Legislative Branch of our City Government, as provided in the District of Columbia Self-Government and Government Reorganization Act passed by Congress, signed into law by the President of the United States on December 24, 1973, and approved by city residents on May 7, 1974. Following the primary and general elections in September and November, the new elected government was inaugurated on January 2, 1975.

The Council's Powers are comparable to those of a state legislature, and because the District has no state or county ties, the local government performs a number of extra-municipal functions—filling in as a county government for services such as the recording of deeds and as a state government for other services such as the registration of automobiles. The District of Columbia is treated as both a state and a city in federal legislation—as a city which must serve local residents, and as the Nation's Capital, which must serve all the citizens of the country.

It is therefore the function of the Council to legislate—enact laws and regulate ordinances to meet the needs of the District. The Council has the authority to reorganize the offices and agencies of the Executive Branch of the City Government. However, the Mayor is the chief executive of the District of Columbia, and is responsible for providing the services and programs that the residents and visitors to the city require and for carrying out the laws enacted by the Council, as well as those laws enacted by the Congress which affect the District.

Under constitutional authority, the Congress can enact laws on any subject affecting the District, and under the "Home Rule Charter" all legislation enacted by the Council—except for emergency measures, is sent to Congress for review for 30 working days. The legislation takes effect after that period unless during that time both houses of Congress adopt resolutions disapproving the act.

The Mayor may veto legislation passed by the Council. However, his veto may be over-ridden by a two-thirds vote of the Council; the President of the United States may then act within 30 calendar days to uphold the veto, in which case the measure dies, or to uphold the "over-ride" and forward the measure to Congress for review as mentioned above.

Elected on a partisan basis as candidates of their respective Democratic, Republican, and Statehood political parties, the 13 Councilmembers serve four-year terms on a staggered basis; half of the members elected every two years. Of the original 13, two of the at-large members and four of the ward members, selections determined by lot conducted by the Board of Elections, were candidates for re-election on September 14, 1976, after having served two years. By this method the four-year staggered system has been established. The re-elected members, and the newly elected member who defeated the incumbered representative for ward 8, are:



"The citizens of the District of Columbia have been struggling for the past 100 years for full self determination and first class citizenship. Even though the District of Columbia has a population larger than 11 states, we have been forced to live as second class citizens under the direct control of Congress. All of my energies, experience and expertise will be used to make the government responsive to the needs of all of our citizens."

\* **Marion Barry**  
*At-Large*

"Two years of Home Rule are behind us. We have learned many things about self government. Citizens and elected officials have striven to make our limited form of government work. We have proven that we can govern ourselves. The future is secure only to the extent that we act wisely together as a united people. We will continue building a city of which all can be proud."



\* **Jerry A. Moore, Jr.**  
*At-Large*





"The human capacity for survival is a great American thirst. We live in a city that is thirsty for life and determined to survive. The city can be no more than what the citizens make it."

\* John A. Wilson  
Ward 2



"Self Government was evidenced as a necessary vehicle to operate our city. We must, as council members and citizens, view ourselves as the spokes which make the wheel function effectively."

\* Arrington Dixon  
Ward 4



"As Washington moves forward into its third year of Home Rule, we, now more than ever, must look towards the future and remember the past. Our future holds many of the same social and economic stumbling blocks that our past has revealed. Working together we can hurdle both the small and the large, the insignificant and the monumental."

\* Willie Hardy  
Ward 7



"Home Rule can succeed only if it is valued as a cooperative venture between the elected officials and the D.C. citizens. Together we can make it work."

Ø Wilhelmina Rolark  
Ward 8

Ø Newly Elected

\* Re-Elected

# COUNCIL MEMBERS





STERLING TUCKER  
Chairman

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

To the Re-Elected Members:

Congratulations on your victory in the 1976 Election for another richly deserved term of office to the Council of the District of Columbia. I am sure that we can continue to move ahead with a spirit of unity in our commitment to succeed in making this a better city.

To the Newly Elected Member:

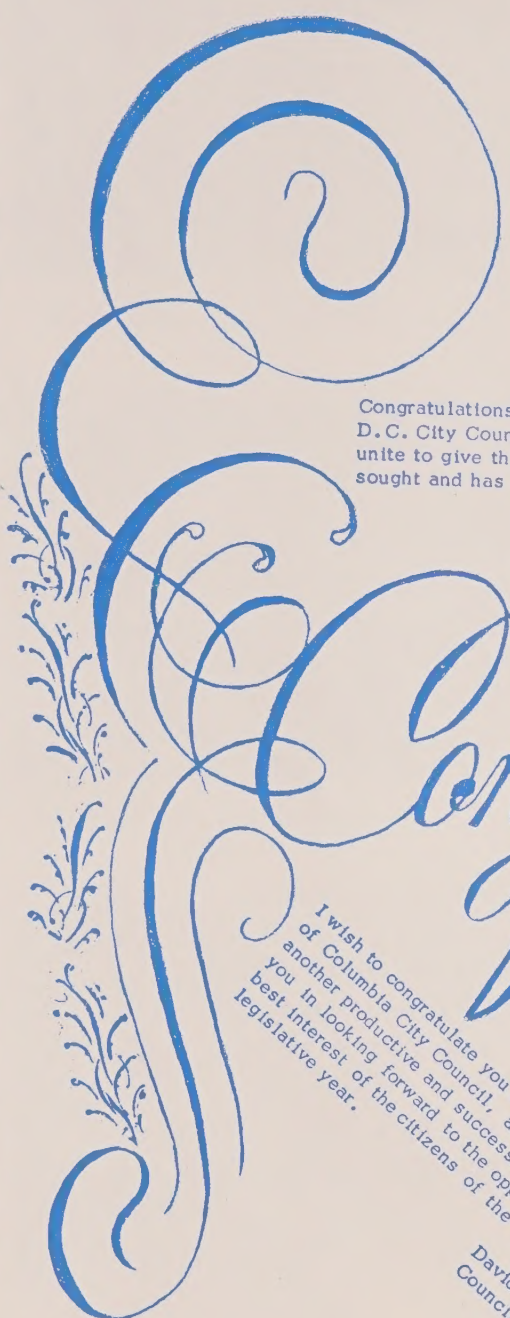
I extend my sincere congratulations on your election, by the citizens of Ward 8, to serve on the Council of the District of Columbia. I know that the years of community and professional service which you bring to the Council will contribute greatly to our succeeding to make this the great city we all envision. I offer my full assistance and support in whatever way I can and look forward to having you as a colleague.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sterling Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.





I wish to congratulate all the newly elected and re-elected members of the Council of the District of Columbia on their most recent election victories. It is my sincere hope that the Council will continue to work in the spirit of cooperation that has marked its first two years of existence to solve the problems of this city which are crying for solution. I look forward to working with you to accomplish this end.

Douglas E. Moore  
Councilmember, At-Large

Julius W. Hobson  
Councilmember, At-Large

Congratulations on your election and re-election to the D.C. City Council. The future is now. Together we can unite to give this city the type of government it has long sought and has often had deferred.

I wish to congratulate you on your election to the District of Columbia City Council, and extend my best wishes for another productive and successful term of office. I join you in looking forward to the opportunity of serving the best interest of the citizens of the District in our third legislative year.

David A. Clarke  
Councilmember, Ward 1

I would like to take a moment to congratulate Mr. Barry, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Hardy, Rev. J. Moore, and Mr. Wilson on their recent re-elections, and Mrs. Rolark on her election. The constituents have confirmed, by their votes, the need for the continued leadership, as well as for the new, in guiding the city on its Home Rule course. I hope the future is as productive and rewarding as the past and that we all continue to work, grow, and learn together.

William R. Spaulding  
Councilmember, Ward 5

I would like to offer my heartiest congratulations to my recently-elected colleagues on this Council. To those with whom I have had the pleasure of service before, I am grateful for the opportunity for continued association. I look forward to an equally fruitful relationship with our newly-elected Councilmember and welcome her most warmly.

Polly Shackleton  
Councilmember, Ward 3

I want to extend my sincere congratulations, esteemed colleagues, upon your overwhelming victory at the polls on November 2, 1976. The results of the election are a splendid tribute to your service to the people of the District of Columbia. I am delighted that we can continue to work together for the betterment of this city. Best wishes for your success in the future.

Nadine P. Winter  
Councilmember, Ward 6



*With Sincere  
Appreciation  
for the dedicated  
services of the  
entire  
Council Staff  
and  
Best Wishes  
throughout  
the  
New Year to Everyone*



CALENDAR FOR 1977			
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